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1. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MUCH OF THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN INDIA (REF LETTER AND ENCLOSURE) HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS SINCE JANUARY 18, WE WONDER ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF PROCEEDING WITH PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONOF THIS VERSION. ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN CALLED, VIRTUALLY ALL IMPORTANT POLITICIANS HAVE BEEN FREED FROM JAIL, PRESS CENSORSHIP HAS BEEN DROPPED COMPLETELY, AND POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY TRANSFORMED SINCE MIDDLE OF JANUARY.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WILL SEEM BARELY CREDIBLE TO GOI THAT DOCUMENT NOT TO BE RELEASED UNTIL MARCH COULD NOT BE REVISED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EVENTS WHICH BEGAN TO CHANGE EVEN BEFORE NEW US ADMINISTRATION TOOK OFFICE. TAKEN TOGETHER WITH OTHER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELATING TO INDIA OF WHICH DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, RELEASE OF PRESENT TEXT OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT MAY WELL BE SEEN HERE AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF LACK OF US SENSITIVITY TO AND INTEREST IN INDIA. SCHNEIDER

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